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Signed Bowie dated 6 January 5 p.m.

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Reference: Consulate telegram 196 to Tehran repeated Department 53

Stopped today by Iranian Army for first time during 5 visits Poolen since reference telegram sent. Iranian officers courteous but said road now closed, offered telephone Admiral Mallessi for permission provide escort for tour gun emplacements et cetera. I disclaimed all interest in military, said merely wanted to see if road passable after heavy rains because had query re possibility driving Basra. Since informed road closed question answered.

Observed increased activity Poolen where customs house now apparently command post. On earlier visits found only half dozen sleepy soldiers. Now about 20 officers present many more vehicles seen in distance near 155 emplacements. Road Khorramshahr-Poolen which almost impassable bog three days ago now levelled, gravelled, rolled.

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